

## **SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 1, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Mayor Heron with the following roll call:

Members Present: Ald. Hoy, Ald. Voss, Ald. Nitschke, Ald. Moede, Ald. Smith, Ald. Pasbrig

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Kathie Wild, Ald. Nitschke, Ald. Hoy, Ald. Moede, Mike Kurutz, Gary Benter, Chris MacNeill, Sally Kahlhamer, Brian Paynter, Ryan Stietly, Sue Smith, Greg Justmann, Mary , Dawn McKee, Paula Wescott, Nicole Strachan, River Strachan, Maria Strachan, Brianna Carlson, Cory Carlson, Tom Kempf, Chris Leonard, Cheryl Geis, Sherry Gayon, Mark Gayon, Angelica Larson, Andrew Johnson, Anthony Frinzi, Laura Frinzi, Paul Czernicki, Karen Reed, Chloe Reed, Paul Wegmann, Dennis Drews Sr., Wendy Metke, Madelyne Prout, Shirlee Czernicki, Shirley Schuenke

### **Citizens Comments.**

Karen Reed from 325 Midland Ave expressed that not everyone can afford to swim at the Tag Center for \$4 per person when the outdoor pool is only \$1 per person. This difference in cost makes a big difference for families. She agreed that we need to make sure it's safe before opening the pool.

Chloe Reed from 325 Midland Ave expressed that opening the pool is a big priority to her and she would like to see it opened.

Wendy Metke stated that on the petition they had a total of 295 adult signatures, 67 children signatures, and 73 outside families that signed the petition and showed interest.

Shirlee Czernicki from 269 S Walnut Street feels there is safety issues with having children ride their bikes to the Tag Center. She can't afford to send her kids to the Tag Center. This is a local one of a kind pool, a landmark and would like to see the pool opened.

Mike Kurutz expressed that he is glad to know that people do care about the outdoor pool.

### **Approve Options for Re-Opening Outdoor Pool.**

Mike explained that Dan Heim from the DNR did inspect the grounds and that he gave him his opinion on what could be in the water. Dan didn't test the soil but did feel the soil was safe. There was a discussion as to what the City's liability insurance company would cover if the pool was opened and something would happen. The Mayor expressed that he feels the obstacles are the money and the contamination issue. Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Moede to recommend reopening the outdoor pool for the balance of the swim season subject to receiving the letter from the DNR that the conditions are safe. Ald. Moede stated that we need something in writing that the money will be available from the two individuals and the company for \$5,500 to cover any costs associated with opening the pool. There was a discussion as to if the \$5,500 was a good estimate and would cover all the costs. Mike explained that he is concerned with the amount of revenue that will be generated for the rest of the year and how to life guard the pool. The outdoor season will run until August 24<sup>th</sup> and the Park Board will determine how to handle the season pass price for the rest of the season. Motion carried 4-2 with Ald. Pasbrig and Ald. Nitschke voting nay.

### **Adjournment.**

Motion by Ald. Pasbrig, second by Ald. Nitschke to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Kathie Wild  
City Clerk